

Action. Accordingly, prompt consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Revisions to the Written Specification

The specification was objected to because missing application serial numbers of copending applications were missing from the specification. This amendment adds that missing information and clarifies those sentences accordingly. Thus, withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

Informal Objections to Claims 1 and 29

Claims 1 and 29 have been objected to for minor informalities. Specifically, claim 1 was objected to for including the word “main” and claim 29 was objected to for including the word “housing”. This amendment includes the word -- central -- instead of “main” for claim 5 that incorporates the subject matter of claim 1. Claim 29 has been canceled rendering that objection moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

All Pending Claims are Allowable

Claims 13-20, 31-40, and 50-52 were allowed in the Office Action dated June 4, 2003. These claims remain pending and thus remain allowable.

Previously pending dependent claims 5-9, 42-45, and 47-49 have been indicated to be allowable over the prior art. By this amendment, claims 5, 42-45, 47, and 49 have been amended by rewriting them in independent form and including at least all of the subject matter from the claims upon which they depended. Selected dependent claims have been amended to change their dependency or to maintain consistency with claims from which they depend. Accordingly, all independent claims are allowable, and all other claims dependent from those claims are therefore allowable for at least those reasons.

Applicants agree with the determination that the claims define over the prior art, and not necessarily with the rejections of the canceled claims or the characterizations of the references in the Office Action, and reserve all rights to challenge such rejections and characterizations. Applicants intend to pursue the canceled claims in a continuing application.


Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Any fees required for this Amendment are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,
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